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# Climate Change as a Human Rights Issue-Inuit Environmental Activist Sheila Watt- Cloutier

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# CULTURAL AFFAIRS/DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES

## GRANT APPLICATION

I. Applicant/Organization: **Canadian-American Center**

II. a. Responsible Organization Officer: **Stephen Hornsby, Director**

b. Title: ***Climate Change as a Human Rights Issue***  
**Inuit Environmental Activist Sheila Watt-Cloutier**

c. Campus Address (include Email and phone): **154 College Ave CAMPUS**  
**[www.umaine.edu/canam](http://www.umaine.edu/canam)**  
**[barntzen@umit.maine.edu](mailto:barntzen@umit.maine.edu) / 581-4225**

III. Summary of program requiring funding (title; featured artist(s); speaker(s); scheduled date(s):

**The Canadian-American Center** is coordinating pan-campus participation to bring **SHEILA WATT-CLOUTIER** to UMaine, **Tuesday, March 29, 2011**. She is currently lecturing and writing at Bowdoin College until June 2011.

**Ms. Watt-Cloutier was the first person to declare climate change is a human rights issue.** Her messages include: The Arctic is the early-warning system for climate change, and its fate is everyone's. Climate change is a human rights issue. Everything is connected: environment, economy, foreign policy, sustainability, human rights.

**Sheila Watt-Cloutier:** Awarded (2006) Canada's highest honor, the Order of Canada; elected (2006) Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Council which holds Consultative Status II at the United Nations; nominated (2007) for Nobel Peace Prize; nominated (2010) as one of 25 Transformational Canadians.

*See attached biography for more information about Ms. Watt-Cloutier and her work.*

**Twenty UMaine departments/centers/institutes** on campus have responded positively to bringing Ms. Watt-Cloutier to campus, and faculty indicate they will encourage or require students to participate in one of several of her events. The culminating event will be a public lecture at the Collins Center for the Arts.

**Co-Sponsors:** Anthropology, Canadian-American Center, Climate Change Institute, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Collins Center for the Arts, EPSCoR, Hudson Museum, School of Economics, Women in the Curriculum and Women's Studies Program. The Canadian Consulate General, Boston is also a co-sponsor.

**Participating departments/centers:** Art, College of Education, Folklore, Franco American Studies, History, Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, Mitchell Center, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, and Wabanaki Center

**Visit Outline, Tuesday, March 29, 2011:**

12:00-1:30 Lunch at University Club with co-sponsors  
2:00-3:15 Seminar for graduate and undergraduates from all departments/centers/institutes  
3:30-4:30 Reception at Hudson Museum hosted by Native students  
7:00-9:00 Public lecture: opening with a gift of Native American song; introduction by President Kennedy; lecture/presentation followed by period for questions. Reception in CCA lobby.

IV. **Budget Proposal Form** - See attached.

**SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION VIA EMAIL TO:** [wanda.maddencarr@maine.edu](mailto:wanda.maddencarr@maine.edu)

# Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture Series Fund

## Budget Proposal Form

Applicant/Organization: Canadian-American Center  
 Responsible Officer: Stephen Hornsby, Director  
 Event Title: ***Climate Change as a Human Rights Issue***  
**Inuit Environmental Activist Sheila Watt-Cloutier**

Event Date: March 29, 2011

Total Program Budget:	<b><u>\$14,200</u></b>
Amount committed by Canadian-American Center, Applicant Organization	\$ 1,000 [\$ 200 in kind]
	<u>\$ 1,200</u>
Total Amount Requested from Other Funding Sources:	\$ 4,900 [\$ 1,000 in kind]
	<u>\$ 5,900</u>

**Other Funding Sources & Amounts listed below:**

Anthropology		\$500.00
Canadian Consulate General, Boston		\$500.00
Climate Change Institute		\$1,100.00
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences		\$1,000.00
Collins Center for the Arts	[\$825 ]	In kind
EPSCoR		\$1,000.00
Hudson Museum	In kind: [\$175 ]	\$250.00
School of Economics		\$250.00
Women in the Curriculum and Women's Studies Program		\$300.00

**Budget Breakdown of Expenses and funds to be used:**

	<u>CA/DLS</u>	<u>Other</u>
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Honoraria/Services

Sheila Watt-Cloutier honorarium: \$10,000	\$6,000	\$4,000
Native American Drummers honorarium: \$100		\$ 100

Travel

Driver will use UMaine car for round trip to Brunswick, ME to pick up Ms. Watt-Cloutier		\$ 150
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<u>Lodging – University Inn</u>	\$200	
<u>Meals/Receptions</u>		\$1,200
<u>Printing</u>		\$ 500
<u>Advertising</u>	\$600	\$ 800
<u>Room Expenses</u>	\$300	\$ 150
<u>Other</u>		\$ 200
 *Total Expenses from CA/DLS funds:	 \$ 7,100	
*Total Expenses from other funds:		\$ 7,100
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		<b>\$14,200</b>

\*These amounts should be identical and should not exceed 50% of the total program/event budget. Please note that CA/DLS funds may not be used for receptions and do not normally fund UM employee wages. If an award is granted based on this proposal, reimbursement of expenses will not exceed the total CA/DLS request and will be limited to the types of expenditures outlined above.

Exclusively represented by The Lavin Agency  
[www.thelavinagency.com/speaker-sheila-watt-cloutier.html](http://www.thelavinagency.com/speaker-sheila-watt-cloutier.html)  
American office: 222 Third Street, Suite 1130 Cambridge, MA 02142



## Sheila Watt-Cloutier

**Nobel Peace Prize Nominee  
and World Leader on Global  
Climate Change and Human  
Rights**

*Everything is Connected:  
Environment, Economy, Foreign  
Policy, Sustainability, Human  
Rights and Leadership in the 21st  
Century*

**THE LATEST: Sheila Watt-Cloutier will be teaching at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine in the fall of 2010. Watt-Cloutier was awarded an honorary degree from Bowdoin College in 2009.**

A Nobel Peace Prize nominee, Sheila Watt-Cloutier is in the business of changing public opinion into public policy. Experienced in working with global decision makers for over a decade, Watt-Cloutier offers a new model for 21st Century leadership. She treats the issues of our day -- the environment, the economy, foreign policy, global health, and sustainability -- not as separate concerns, but as a deeply interconnected whole. Every decision, whether environmental, political or economic, has a profound effect on those far from the corridors of power; to understand this connection is vital to building a sustainable world. This is Watt-Cloutier's message. At a time when people are seeking solutions, direction, and a sense of hope, this global leader provides a big picture of where we are and where we are headed.

In 2007, Sheila Watt-Cloutier was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for her advocacy work in showing the impact of global climate change on human rights -- especially in the Arctic, where it is felt more immediately, and more dramatically, than anywhere else in the world. (The Arctic is the planet's health barometer; what happens in the world happens there first.) By making a human connection -- by telling the human stories -- she helped a generation see the issue in a newly urgent way. Her advocacy work -- not just environmental but all-encompassing -- is grounded in human rights, in our shared humanity.

Based in Nunavut, Watt-Cloutier is an Officer of the Order of Canada. She is also the recipient of many prestigious awards, including the Aboriginal Achievement Award, the UN Champion of the Earth Award, and the prestigious Norwegian Sophie Prize. From 1995 - 2002, she was elected the Canadian President of the Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC). At the ICC, she was a hugely influential voice in the successful negotiations of the Stockholm Convention, the landmark treaty banning Persistent Organic Pollutants. (POPs end up in the Arctic and have been an alarming health issue for Inuit). She was later elected in 2002 to become the International Chair of the ICC, representing the 155,000 Inuit from Canada, Greenland, Alaska and Russia; she held this post until 2006. Under her leadership, she and 62 fellow Inuit from Canada and Alaska launched the world's first international legal action on climate change, with a petition to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. She is the main signatory to the petition. Displaying calm, clear and reflective leadership on various big issues, Watt-Cloutier is a much requested speaker worldwide.

### **Sheila Watt Cloutier Speech Topic**

*Everything is Connected: Environment, Economy, Foreign Policy, Sustainability, Human Rights and Leadership in the 21st Century*

"We must now speak environment, economy, foreign policy, health and human rights in the same breath," says Sheila Watt-Cloutier. "Everything is connected." In this truly globe-spanning talk, Watt-Cloutier provides a clear, meaningful, and comprehensive understanding of the way these issues are interconnected, and what it means for the future of our planet. Speaking on leadership, she shows you how your organization fits into the grand scheme of things, and how you can fulfill your mandate by understanding how the local connects to the global, and vice versa.

With a focus on solutions, Watt-Cloutier brings us to the realities of the Arctic, where Inuit today face profound challenges to their environment, their economy, their health and their cultural well-being. The challenges they face are clearly connected to the industries we support, the disposable world we have become, and the non-sustaining policies we create. ("Everything is connected.") Because her Inuit culture faces the most extreme challenges of globalization, Watt-Cloutier speaks from firsthand experience -- and couples that with her extensive experiences as a global leader. Drawing upon her ancient culture, and speaking from a position of strength, not victimhood, she helps audiences find common ground. Her Arctic voice -- not as far away as we might imagine -- enlightens and inspires. With inclusive good will, it bridges some extremely divided gaps around the world.

***Cultural Affairs Committee***  
***and***  
***Distinguished Lecture Series***  
***c/o Wanda Madden-Carr***  
***201 Alumni Hall***  
***University of Maine***

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December 14, 2010

To: Betsy Arntzen

From: Melissa Mayard & Dan Sandweiss, Co-Chairs

On behalf of the Cultural Affairs Committee and Distinguished Lecture Series, it gives us great pleasure to inform you that your proposal, Climate Change as a Human Rights Issue, has been awarded \$7100.00

Please contact Wanda Madden-Carr at 1-1516 to discuss the procedures in place for the submission of financial expenses related to this award at your earliest convenience.

The following acknowledgement is required on ALL promotional material: ***This event was supported in part by a grant from the Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture Series.***

Attached is a form for your use to summarize the benefits derived from this grant. This form should be submitted within 30 days after the conclusion of the event. Timely submission of your summary will be considered as part of any future funding requests.

The Cultural Affairs Committee members congratulate you and wish you much success on this project.

## DEAL MEMO

This date will not be held until the Deal Memo is signed and returned.

Client:	University of Maine	<b>COPY</b>
Speaker:	Sheila Watt-Cloutier	
Event Date:	Tuesday, March 29, 2011	
Event Venue/City/State:	University of Maine campus, Orono, ME	
Event Name:	Canadian-American Center Lecture 2010/11	
Speech Topic:	Everything is Connected	
Complete Schedule:	12:00pm - 1:30pm: Luncheon (University Club, Fogler Library) 2:00pm - 3:15pm: Seminar/Discussion with graduate and undergraduates (Wells Conference Center) 3:30pm - 4:30pm: Reception hosted by First Nations Students (Hudson Museum), followed by sound/tech check (Collins Center for the Arts), and downtime. 7:00pm - 9:00pm - Lecture with q&a, followed by reception (Collins Center for the Arts); Conclusion: 9:00pm	
Honorarium:	\$10,000.00      Currency: U.S.	
Travel Expenses:	Sponsor to be responsible for the following expenses: Hotel: Sponsor to book and pay in advance (or direct bill) for hotel accommodation as required.	
Audio/Visual Requirements:	PowerPoint is on a Memory Stick. Stationary microphone at podium. Please note that Ms. Watt-Cloutier will need to have a short podium. Speaker is 5'2".	
Special Provisions:	Dietary needs: gluten free and dairy free. Sponsor will arrange and pay for, or provide, Speaker's round-trip ground transportation to and from event.	

This document, when signed below and delivered to The Lavin Agency ("Lavin"), constitutes a firm and binding offer which the above-named organization (the "Client") agrees to keep open, and not to revoke or revise, for a period of not less than 30 days from the date hereof in consideration of Lavin's undertaking to seek the acceptance thereof by the speaker. If within that period the speaker named above accepts this offer and notice of such acceptance is given by Lavin to the Client, then the terms of this offer will constitute the entire agreement between Lavin and the Client, and the agreement shall be deemed to be an agreement under seal.

The Client shall pay the full honorarium due within 48 hours of the Event Date. The Client shall be responsible to pay Lavin for all travel expenses incurred as listed above promptly upon invoice. If the speaker agrees to the event, and the Client cancels the engagement more than 60 days prior to the event, excepting only if the event is cancelled because of Acts of God or other good cause beyond the Client's reasonable control ("force majeure"), the Client agrees to pay 50% of agreed honorarium as cancellation fee. If the Client cancels the engagement after the speaker has agreed to it and less than 60 days prior to the event date, again excepting only if the event is cancelled because of Acts of God or other good cause beyond the Client's reasonable control ("force majeure"), the Client will owe Lavin the full balance of the honorarium plus any expenses actually incurred for travel and accommodations.

Client agrees not to reproduce any part of the Speaker's presentation without the prior written consent of Lavin. Client will provide up to four (4) complimentary tickets or passes to the engagement for guests of the Speaker upon request.

This offer, and any agreement arising from the acceptance of it, shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the substantive laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts without regard to the conflicts of laws provisions thereof. In any action arising hereunder, the prevailing party shall recover his, her or its costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, from the other party. The terms and conditions of this agreement including any information exchanged during the negotiation of the agreement are confidential and may not be disclosed to any third party. The Client acknowledges that they may be held liable if a breach occurs and it may be construed by Agent as a cancellation.

Date: 18 January 2011

Signature: S.S. Hornsby (Seal)

Print Name: S.S. HORNSBY

Title: DIRECTOR

PLEASE FAX TO 416-979-7987  
Attention: Tom Gagnon



# GL Inquiry Journal Detail Report

Fiscal Year:		Accounting Period:	
2011		9 - March	
Business Unit:	UMS05	University of Maine	
Department:	5527983	Can/Amer Ctr Soc & Cult	
Fund Code:	20	Restricted Expendable	
Program:	54551	Gifts - Canadian Amer Ctr	
Project:			
Operating Unit:			

Account	Class	Journal Dt	Posted	Journal Line Description	Amount	Src	Jrnl Ln Ref	Journal ID	Seq	Line #
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**Sheila Watt-Cloutier**

## **FINAL REPORT**

**Seminar for Students and  
An Evening with Sheila Watt-Cloutier  
at The University of Maine  
March 29, 2011**

**Canadian-American Center**  
[www.umaine.edu/canam](http://www.umaine.edu/canam)

In collaboration with:

. **Department of Anthropology**

. **Climate Change Institute**

. **College of Liberal Arts and  
Sciences**

. **Collins Center for the Arts**

. **Hudson Museum**

. **Maine EPSCoR**

. **School of Economics**

. **University of Maine Humanities  
Initiative**

. **Women in the Curriculum and  
Women's Studies Program**

. **Cultural Affairs Distinguished  
Lecture Series**

And with support from the  
**Canadian Consulate General, Boston**

**PAN-CAMPUS COLLABORATIVE PROJECT TO BRING  
INUIT CLIMATE CHANGE ACTIVIST AND NOBEL PEACE  
PRIZE NOMINEE SHEILA WATT-CLOUTIER TO UMAINE  
FOR TWO PROGRAMS, MARCH 29, 2011.**

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

ELEVEN University of Maine entities (see left) and the Canadian Consulate General Boston, led and coordinated by Canadian-American Center education outreach coordinator Betsy Arntzen, contributed resources, funds, and staff time to bring to campus an internationally renowned Canadian Inuk Elder who has changed world environmental policy and the international discourse on climate change making it a human rights issue.

The costs to bring this speaker to campus and to host two catered public events was borne by the UMaine entities listed left with their funds and in-kind donations which were matched with a grant from the Cultural Affairs Distinguished Lecture Series. The largest of the costs was a speaker's fee.

The content of Sheila Watt-Cloutier's remarks was of interest to a wide variety of constituencies which included undergraduates and graduate students, faculty and staff from the academic departments listed at left as well as several other departments (Art, College of Education, Folklore, Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, Mitchell Center, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology and Wabanaki Center), members of the Native communities, faculty and students from area colleges and universities, and members of the general public.

## RESULTS OF PROJECT

The results of this project include:

- **2 public lectures** delivered to a combined audience of more than FOUR HUNDRED
- **2 intimate gatherings** with nine faculty and professional staff, the Dean of College of Liberal Arts, the Provost, and the academic and cultural affairs officer of the Canadian Consulate
- **1 reception** hosted by the Wabanaki Center and attended by Native UMaine students and Native community leaders.



## DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT WITH OUTCOMES

### Public Lectures:

- **Seminar for Students**, held in Wells Room 2, began with an introduction and welcome by Stephen Hornsby, Director of the Canadian-American Center. Following, was a 12-minute documentary about the impacts of climate change on Inuit hunting, food security and culture called *Perspectives From The Land*. From that backdrop, Ms. Watt-Cloutier described more specifically the impacts to Inuit culture and why climate change is a human rights issue, and she brought the conversation to a wider more global perspective. She concluded by answering questions from students.

**Outcomes:** A total of EIGHTY undergraduates, graduates, faculty and members of the general public attended this program. The publicity was effective, and attendance was at the level expected. Several professors asked students to attend and sign an attendance sheet; it indicated 20 students were from 5 courses.

- **An Evening with Sheila Watt-Cloutier**, held in Wells Room 1, began late because so many people attended that it was necessary to open the wall between Rooms 1 and 2 and set up additional seating. The program began with an introduction and welcome from Stephen Hornsby, Director of the Canadian-American Center. His welcome was followed by remarks from Marc Jacques, academic and cultural affairs officer for the Canadian Consulate General Boston. He provided a context for the Canadian government's relationship with Canadian Inuit. Provost Susan Hunter also welcomed the speaker and provided a summary of her accomplishments and honors. Ms. Watt-Cloutier talked for over an hour against a backdrop of Arctic images on the topic "Everything is Connected: Environment, Economy, Foreign Policy, Sustainability, Human Rights and Leadership in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century", offering a new model for environmental and cultural leadership. She concluded by answering questions from the audience.

**Outcomes:** A total of **THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE** undergraduates, graduates, faculty, and members of the general public attended this program. The publicity was extensive and effective, and attendance exceeded the level expected. Several professors asked students to attend and submit an attendance ticket. There also were students and faculty from College of the Atlantic located in Bar Harbor (60 miles away).

#### Intimate Gatherings:

- **Lunch in the Faculty Club** for Ms. Watt-Cloutier so representatives from the departments who had funded her visit could meet and talk with her. In attendance were **Jeff Hecker**, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; **Kristin Sobolik**, Associate Dean for Research and External Affairs and Professor of Anthropology and Climate Change; **Darren Ranco**, Associate professor of Anthropology and Coordinator of Native American Research; **Ann Schonberger**, Director of Women in Curriculum/Women's Studies; **Stephen Hornsby**, Director of the Canadian-American Center; **Raymond Pelletier**, Associate Director of the Canadian-American Center; **Scott See**, Librarian Professor of History and Director of the University of Maine Humanities Initiative; **Gretchen Faulkner**, Director of the Hudson Museum; and **Betsy Arntzen**, Canadian Studies education outreach coordinator. Ms. Watt-Cloutier answered questions and provided her perspective on global issues and Inuit.

**Outcomes:** A total of **NINE** faculty and staff met and developed a relationship with Ms. Watt-Cloutier.

- **Reception** called a Welcome Celebration with Sheila Watt-Cloutier hosted by the Wabanaki Center at the Hudson Museum. Native UMaine students, Wabanaki staff and Native community leaders greeted Ms. Watt-Cloutier a world leader in indigenous and human rights and who has been one of the strongest voices in climate change activism across the globe, linking indigenous knowledges with western science to fight for Native rights as indigenous peoples. The event featured a welcome by **Donald Soctomah**, tribal historical preservation officer of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, a drum group and singer. It was sponsored by Maine EPSCoR and the Native American STEM Scholarship Development Program.

**Outcomes: Native students, staff and community leaders greeted Ms. Watt-Cloutier and gave her gifts of song and community.** Ms. Watt-Cloutier considered this event the highlight of her visit to UMaine.

- **Dinner at the Canadian-American Center** for Ms. Watt-Cloutier so the Provost and Consulate staff who were to introduce her could meet and talk with her beforehand. In attendance were **Stephen Hornsby**, Director of the Canadian-American Center; **Raymond Pelletier**, Associate Director of the Canadian-American Center; **Marc Jacques**, academic and cultural affairs officer for the Canadian Consulate General Boston ; **Susan Hunter**, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; and **Betsy Arntzen**, Canadian Studies education outreach coordinator. Ms. Watt-Cloutier answered questions and provided her perspective on global issues and Inuit.

**Outcomes: A total of FIVE faculty and staff met and developed a relationship with Ms. Watt-Cloutier.**

## CONCLUSION

Ms. Watt-Cloutier mentioned several time how warm the welcome was at UMaine, how comfortable she was, and how specially and highly regarded she felt she was treated. She was very forthcoming and personable to everyone, giving of herself and perspective continuously. Even now a month following the event, there remains a high feeling around her visit, and there is discussion among the funders to organize a seminar she might teach at UMaine in the spring, should she be located in New Brunswick for the next academic year.

## SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK COLLECTED

See attached pages summarizing feedback.

# Seminar for Students with Sheila Watt-Cloutier

Tuesday, March 29, 2011 / Wells Conference Center, UMaine

## 27 Feedback Forms collected. Comments were made on 21

Thank you for participating in this seminar. We hope you found it both enjoyable and valuable. We will benefit from your feedback, so thank you in advance for providing your comments below.

Please include your contact info if you would like to remain on the Canadian-American Center mailing list:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please rank your response to the following comments with a number (Highest is 1).

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4

- 1) Attending this seminar was valuable for me. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) The seminar content covered a subject of significant interest to me. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) The presentation and discussions were relevant to my needs. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) The seminar provided useful perspectives and valuable information . \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) The presenter was knowledgeable and provided a perspective that interested me. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) I will use much of the information and ideas from the seminar in my work. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) I was satisfied with the seminar venue. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) The seminar organizers included everything important for my comfort . \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) The pace of the seminar was appropriate. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) I will use information and perspectives presented in this seminar in the future \_\_\_\_\_

What, if anything, could have been done to improve your experience as a participant in this seminar?

ALL HIGH MARKS FOR THE ABOVE. SOME WISHED FOR LONGER SESSION!

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**C) What I am most likely to use from this seminar are...**

- Susan Wishkeski: The approach
- Madelon Kohler-Busch: Points of impact on culture, family, mothers and children
- David Slagger: Public awareness
- Anonymous 1: Connections between lifeways and character
- Anonymous 3: How climate change is actually impacting societies and cultures, and ideas on connecting to nature and being in tune with the environment.
- Anonymous 4: Are Watt-Cloutier's personal comments and stories were the easiest things to connect to and understand, and I feel I will take away from this the most.
- Anonymous 6: My own personal information
- Anonymous 7: Things relating to my class
- Anonymous 8: Current event conversations
- Anonymous 9: The facts of globalization
- Anonymous 10: Inuit perspectives on environmental change
- Anonymous 11: Understanding and acknowledging that other human beings are being affected daily from climate change and realizing that making changes aren't easy but can be a progression into a more positive direction.
- Anonymous 12: Information on community based research
- Anonymous 13: The ideas about how people can create change
- Anonymous 15: Global warming vs. climate change – Great Concept
- Anonymous 16: Climate change is a human rights issue

**D The presenter's information or perspective that most impacted me as important was:**

- Susan Wishkeski: Her wholistic presentation
- Becca Foster: That she was from the Arctic
- Madelon Kohler-Busch: All that was presented reinforced my knowledge and my concern
- Kris McClure: Human rights issue
- David Slagger: Balance
- Anonymous 1: That the Inuit story has been so persuasive in international forums
- Anonymous 3: Why connecting and spending time with nature is personally and culturally important
- Anonymous 4: Her personal opinions and experiences provided me with the most information
- Anonymous 6: We can all work together to better each other like her people
- Anonymous 7: The human dimension
- Anonymous 8: The melting of ice
- Anonymous 9: The inter voice and everything is connected
- Anonymous 10: Observations by Inuit on environment cultural effects of modernization/climate change
- Anonymous 11: Seeing what she's been through personally was astounding.
- Anonymous 12: Doesn't expend time on *clones*? because there's too much to do
- Anonymous 13: How she spoke about hunting, as a hunter to have another describe what I was taught was wonderful
- Anonymous 14: Inuit health concerns
- Anonymous 15: Impulsivity – how a connection to the land can influence all aspects of a life
- Anonymous 16: This is up to my generation. We need to get to work

# An Evening with Sheila Watt-Cloutier

Tuesday, March 29, 2011 / Wells Conference Center, UMaine

## 55 Feedback Forms collected. Comments were made on 34

Thank you for participating in this seminar. We hope you found it both enjoyable and valuable. We will benefit from your feedback, so thank you in advance for providing your comments below.

To remain on the Canadian-American Center mailing list, please include your contact information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please rank your response to the following comments with a number (Highest is 1).**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

- 1) Attending this program was valuable for me. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) The program content covered a subject of significant interest to me. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) The presentation and discussions were relevant to my needs/interests \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) The program provided useful perspectives and valuable information \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) The presenter was knowledgeable and provided a perspective that interested me. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) I will use much of the information and ideas from the program in my work. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) I was satisfied with the program venue. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) The program organizers included everything important for my comfort. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) The pace of the program was appropriate. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) I will use information and perspectives presented in this program in the future \_\_\_\_\_

What, if anything, could have been done to improve your experience as a participant in this program?

ALL HIGH MARKS FOR THE ABOVE.

Comments: Talk about how we as students/people can effect change;

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- Sarah Danser: Good to hear a native of the land and culture speak about it. Effective straddling of two worlds.
- Ariadne Dimoulas: I am, however, very interested in humanity (being a part of it)
- Steve Gabel-Richards (Grade 6 teacher): Helping to integrate teaching of science values – global warming – and the impact these issues have on cultures throughout the world
- Benjamin Baxter: Showing local/regional support for Arctic concerns
- Janet Fairman (College of Education faculty): Hearing perspective from the indigenous population in Arctic – first hand experience with climate change, and what actions they've taken to influence public policy
- Al May: Listening to a philosophy of care and balance for human nature and the land/water/snow/ice
- Beth Lambert (artist): Awareness!
- Cassandra Dana: -put a face on climate change / -learn about the changes not from some scientist but from someone who personally experienced it and how they coping with these issues
- Natalle Dana: To put a face on climate change and to learn more about how this is affecting the Inuit people. As well as how are they coping with this issue.
- Keith Barnes (Penobscot First Nations): New perspective in "old" problem
- Chick Rauch: Getting the excellent perspective of the speaker
- Anonymous 1: I got some of those perspectives
- Anonymous 2: Learning about the hardships Inuit people face due to America's emissions
- Anonymous 4: The talk
- Anonymous 6: Perspectives different from my previous outlook/view of these issues
- Anonymous 7: The voice of the presenter
- Anonymous 8: Providing firsthand insight into Inuit culture
- Anonymous 9: Very different perspective on climate change
- Anonymous 10: Hearing an amazing woman talk with great passion. Understanding some of her world and the threats to it.
- Anonymous 11: Hearing Sheila's perspective of changes in the Arctic
- Anonymous 12: That I learned more deeply another cultural perspective
- Anonymous 13: Learning a new perspective. What some of the issues are.
- Anonymous 14: Undoubtedly presented new ideas to young people present
- Anonymous 15: First hand experience in global warming
- Anonymous 16: Haring first hand how climate change is affecting life in the north
- Anonymous 17: Hearing Ms. Watt-Cloutier's perspective, and particularly her responses to the questions
- Anonymous 18: Learning the personal characteristics that develop in hunters/hunting culture

### **C) What I am most likely to use from this program are...**

- Taylor Greene: Knowledge of toxic effects, peoples unique place in anywhere, and how we all connect. Aspen, Copenhagen, PCBs? Hunting laws imposed to take people's heart.
- Nick Waterman: Anticipation of more Arctic melting before serious emissions reductions are implemented globally
- Kaitlyn Anderson: the "Human face" of climate change
- Frank Perreault Kuebel: Connections – non-confrontational
- Ariadne Dimoulas: Fur trade information
- Benjamin Baxter: Jumping point to research more concepts
- Beth Lambert: Awareness of legislation – to be active and vigilant
- Cassandra Dana: The part that I can apply to our own tribe as an indigenous peoples
- Natalle Dana: The points that she made; what I learned about and how I can apply this knowledge to my own tribe.
- Keith Barnes: Cultural understanding
- Chick Rauch: Several of the points made by the speaker

- Anonymous 11: How recent and critical both the changes are and the concept of seeing human rights as affected by climate change
- Anonymous 13: How global warming is related to human rights
- Anonymous 14: Her background vs. her current style
- Anonymous 16: Reframing the problem as losing the "cooling system for the planet"
- Anonymous 18: The complexity of the issues.

**E) I would have liked to have had more conversation/dialog on this topic or issue \_\_\_\_\_ because...**

- Taylor Greene: of spiritual place of all peoples wherever they are. Because we can change our soul's grounding and our sight to realize truth in individual awareness/to connect. To know is to begin to act. Spread the feeling
- Nick Waterman: chronological ice patterns because it would be interesting to see how much ice has been in the Arctic, perhaps through satellite photos, from the past to the present.
- Sarah Danser: The approach of global Inuit cultures to common concerns (but different national governments and social attitudes).
- Cassandra Dana: cultural education because it is important to me to learn about how the Inuit have dealt with this and how they teach their children, an issue that we are continually facing now.
- Natalle Dana: cultural education system because I'd like to learn more about what the Inuit are doing to teach the youth the culture and language because the Wabanaki ("People of the Dawn", First Nations in the Northeast; in Maine: Penobscot, Passamaquoddy, Micmac, Malicite) are losing their culture and language.
- Anonymous 2: I would have liked to learn more about what we can do to stop this from happening
- Anonymous 14: I don't see how her approach will touch the average American (or even European)
- Anonymous 18: Differences in impact on women in the Inuit culture

**F) If there were a "Part 2" to this program, what other kinds of information or perspectives would you suggest including?**

- Taylor Greene: Conspiracy (toxic food imported, hunting laws, loss of culture), how gov. and business has destroyed community and values. How to make a spiritual difference.
- Nick Waterman: A greater focus on Inuit integration into the modern educational system.
- Per Garder: Radioactivity from nuclear plant such as Japan and its implications on Arctic life
- Sarah Danser: How do we teach/persuade intractable people that there is benefit in long term thinking about problems vs. short-term economic gains?
- Steve Gabel-Richards: How to bring this kind of discussion to a younger audience
- Beth Lambert: More information about the Inuit culture
- Cassandra Dana: More in depth information regarding the impacts and information of the culture itself, and individual and personal stories from Sheila.
- Natalle Dana: More in depth information about the impacts and culture. As well as individualized stories to make the information more personal.
- Keith Barnes: Wabanaki perspectives
- Anonymous 2: Information on what is being done to reverse these global changes.
- Anonymous 3: More information on how the Arctic is a global air conditioner.
- Anonymous 5: Specific information about how Inuit and/or other cultures are affected by climate change.

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Presentation followed by Q&A, and by a reception.

Born into a hunting and fishing family in Kuujuaq, a coastal Inuit community in Northern Quebec's Nunavik region, Watt-Cloutier lived a traditional Inuit life, speaking no English until she attended school in Nova Scotia at age 10. "I travelled only by dogsled for the first decade of my life," she recalls. "It shaped me completely - that's the foundation upon which I do my global work."

Sheila Watt-Cloutier is recognized for her untiring efforts on behalf of Arctic indigenous peoples worldwide and, in particular, the Aboriginal peoples of Northern Canada. She is a Nobel Peace Prize Nominee and a world leader on global climate change and human rights.

**Speech Topic: Everything is Connected: Environment, Economy, Foreign Policy, Sustainability, Human Rights and Leadership in the 21st Century**

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# Inuit Climate Change Activist Sheila Watt-Cloutier at UMaine March 29th

Posted 19th February, 2011 by barntzen

## Event Description

Nobel Prize Nominee and World Leader on Global Climate Change and Human Rights, Sheila Watt-Cloutier will talk at the Wells Conference Center at UMaine on Tuesday, the 29th at 7 pm. Ms. Watt-Cloutier will address the most extreme challenges of climate change affecting Inuit Culture, from firsthand experience. She will cover the environment, the economy, foreign policy, global health, and sustainability as a deeply interconnected whole, and she speaks to finding common ground as she enlightens and inspires. Experienced in working with global decision makers for over a decade, Watt-Cloutier offers a new model for 21st Century leadership. For more information or to RSVP, contact the Canadian-American Center, 581-4220.

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- **Mon, Mar 14:** CAN-AM: Deadline to apply for FLAS, NEAPQ, Can-AM Fellowship, and Alice Stewart Graduate Awards
- **Wed, Mar 16 – Sat, Mar 19:** OUTREACH: New York State Council for the Social Studies
- **Thu, Mar 17 – Sat, Mar 19:** OUTREACH: Canada and the New Hampshire Curriculum Workshop
- **Tue, Mar 29:** CAN-AM: Sheila Watt-Cloutier at the University of Maine
- **Thu, Mar 31:** CAN-AM: Deadline to apply for the Canadian Studies Course Development Awards
- **Thu, Mar 31 – Sat, Apr 2:** OUTREACH: NCHE teaching resources exhibit table
- **Tue, Apr 5:** CAN-AM: Alice Stewart Canadian Studies Lecture Series

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## Canadian-American Center presents Sheila Watt-Cloutier



On March 29, 2011, The University of Maine welcomes Inuit activist Sheila Watt-Cloutier for 2 events on campus.

Ms. Watt-Cloutier's Inuit culture faces the most extreme challenges of globalization, so she speaks from firsthand experience, pairing that with her extensive achievements as a world leader. She treats the issues of our day – the environment, the economy, foreign policy, global health, and sustainability as a deeply interconnected whole, and she speaks to finding common ground as she enlightens and inspires.

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Prof. David Cummisky, Philosophy Department, Bates College

November 11:

"Reassessing Hegel on Art and Agency: Kara Walker's "Insurrection" and the Sensible Situation"

Prof. Lydia Moland, Philosophy Department, Colby College

December 2:

"The Difficult of Naming: On The Way to Language with Martin Heidegger"

Nico Jenkins, Ph.D. Candidate, The European Graduate School

#### Spring

March 17, 4:30 pm, Weiss Room, The Maples

Thomas Wartenberg, Professor of Philosophy, Mount Holyoke College

**"College Beyond the Gates: Teaching Philosophy to Second Graders"**

March 24, 4:00 pm, Weiss Room, The Maples

Robert Tredwell, Former Professor and Chairperson, UM Philosophy Department

**"The Indiscernibility of Chickadees and the Principle of the Identity of Indiscernibles"**

March 29: Two events co-sponsored with the Canadian-American Center:

Shelia Watt-Cloutier, Nobel Peace Prize Nominee and World Leader on Global Climate Change and Human Rights, Officer of the Order of Canada, Recipient of the Aboriginal Achievement Award, and the UN Champion of the Earth Award

1) Seminar for Undergrad and Grad Students, Wells Room #2, 2:00-3:15 pm

2) **"Everything is Connected: Environment, Economy, Foreign Policy, Sustainability, Human Rights and Leadership in the 21st Century,"** Collins Center for the Arts, 7:00 pm

April 14, 4:00 pm, Weiss Room, The Maples

Nancy Bauer, Chair and Associate Professor of Philosophy, Tufts University

**"Sexual Objects"**

April 21, 4:00 pm Philosophy Visiting Scholar, Weiss Room, The Maples

Catherine Belling, Assistant Professor of Medical Humanities and Bioethics, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

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- 18 Mar Nate Tefft, Bates College
- 25 Mar Karen Palmer, Resources for the Future
- 29 Mar\* Shelia Watt-Cloutier
- 8 Apr Jennifer Plowden, Ann Spears, & Dan Kary, UMaine Economics
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## Women's History Celebration 2011

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#### Wednesday, March 16 "At Home in Maine" (film and discussion)

Nicolle Littrell, filmmaker and Women's Studies graduate student, will present two new films from her project, "At Home in Maine," a film series and web resource focused on homebirth and midwifery care in Maine.

12:15-2:00 PM, Bangor Room, Memorial Union

#### Thursday, March 17 "Poto Mitan: Haitian Women, Pillars of the Global Economy" (film and discussion)

Told through the compelling lives of five courageous Haitian women workers, this film gives the global economy a human face. Each woman's story explains globalization, how it is gendered, and its impact on Haiti.

7:00 PM, 140 Little Hall  
MPAC Film Series

#### Sunday, March 20 "Taking Root: The Vision of Wangari Maathai" (film and discussion)

This documentary tells the dramatic story of Kenyan Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Wangari Maathai whose simple act of planting trees grew into a nationwide movement to safeguard the environment, protect human rights, and defend democracy.

7:00 PM, Peace and Justice Center  
of Eastern Maine  
96 Harlow Street, Suite 100, Bangor

#### Tuesday, March 22 "The Codes of Gender: Identity and Performance in Pop Culture" (film and discussion)

This groundbreaking analysis of advertising shows how one of American popular culture's most influential forms communicates normative ideas about masculinity and femininity.

12:15-1:30 PM, Bangor Room, Memorial Union

#### Wednesday, March 23 "Therapeutic Amnesias: Medical Rhetoric about Abortion from the 1930s to the 1960s"

Nathan Stormer, Associate Professor,  
Communication and Journalism

Contrary to common assumption, abortion has always been legal in the United States to some degree. In the pre-Roe era, therapeutic abortions violated the assumption that terminated pregnancies were a sign of social disease. This talk considers the collective amnesia that this required.

12:15-1:30 PM, Bangor Room, Memorial Union  
Sponsored by the Maine Humanities Initiative

#### Wednesday, March 23 "My Body, My Voice"

This readers' theatre, performed by women from the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center, Rape Response Services, and Spruce Run, portrays the intersection of reproductive rights and domestic violence.

7:00 PM, 115 D.P. Corbett Building

#### Friday, March 25 & Saturday, March 26 "It's Not That Simple"

Molly Schenck and the Safe Campus Project present a theatre, dance, and multimedia production to raise awareness about sexual violence.

7:30 PM, Black Box Theater, Class of 1944 Hall

#### Tuesday, March 29 "SPARK: The Intergenerational Movement Against the Sexualization of Girls"

Megan Williams, Executive Director of Waterville-based Hardy Girls Healthy Women, will talk about her experiences with Sexualization Protest: Action, Resistance, Knowledge (SPARK), a national movement for girls' rights to healthy sexuality.

12:15-1:30 PM, Bangor Room, Memorial Union

#### "Everything is Connected: Environment, Economy, Foreign Policy, Sustainability, Human Rights, and Leadership in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"

Sheila Watt-Cloutier, Nobel Peace Prize nominee and world leader on global climate change and human rights, will speak of the challenges her Inuit culture faces from globalization.

7:00 PM, Wells Conference Center

Co-sponsored by the Anthropology Department,  
Canadian-American Center, Climate Change  
Institute, Collins Center for the Arts, Hudson  
Museum, Maine EPSCoR, School of Economics,  
and Canadian Consulate General, Boston

#### Thursday, March 31 Dr. Anne Margaret Johnstone Memorial Lecture and Keynote Address "The Purity Myth"

Jessica Valenti, well known feminist author, will present her work on America's obsession with virginity and how it is hurting young women. Analyzing cultural stereotypes and media messages,

Valenti reveals the overt and hidden ways our society links a woman's worth to her sexuality.

4:00 PM, 100 D.P. Corbett Building  
Admission is Free!

#### Saturday, April 2 Spruce Run's Annual Spring Gala Come enjoy desserts and other great snack food, a silent auction, and bluegrass music by Raw Chicken. Tickets are \$15 per person. For more information please call Spruce Run at 945-5102. 7:00-9:00 PM, Buchanan Alumni House

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# Inuit climate change activist to speak at UM

BY JUDY HARRISON  
BDN STAFF 03/28/2011

ORONO — The Canadian woman credited with inserting human rights issues into the discussion on global warming will speak Tuesday at Wells Common at the University of Maine.

Sheila Watt-Cloutier, 57, will meet with students at 2 p.m. to discuss how global warming is impacting her native Arctic region.

She will speak to the public at 7 p.m. on "Everything is Connected: Environment, Economy, Foreign Policy, Sustainability, Human Rights and Leadership in the 21st Century."

Watt-Cloutier, a member of the Inuit tribe, is spending the

academic year as a teaching scholar at Bowdoin College's Arctic Museum and Arctic Studies Center.

Last year, she was named one of 25 transformational Canadians by the a Toronto newspaper.

As part of her efforts to educate people about the im-



**Watt-Cloutier**

pact of global warming, she is writing a book, "The Right to be Cold."

Watt-Cloutier gained international attention in 2005 when she submitted the first legal complaint linking climate change and human rights to the

Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

"With this petition, for the first time, climate change has a human face," she said when she petitioned the organization for relief from human rights violations caused by global warming. "Until now, there has been no human connection with climate change — just bureaucracies. Few grasp it until they hear the stories."

"The industrialized countries and urban populations in particular have lost their connection to the natural world and could be looking to indigenous peoples, who retain the necessary knowledge, in order to regain that balance," she continued. "Even though small in number and living far from the corridors of power, it appears that the wisdom

of the land which Inuit possess strikes a universal chord on a planet where many are searching for sustainability."

Watt-Cloutier was born into a hunting and fishing family in Kuujuaq, a coastal community in northern Quebec's Nunavik region, according to a Canadian newspaper article published in October. Until she was 10, Watt-Cloutier traveled only by dog-sled and did not speak English until she started school.

Her career in politics began in 1995 after she worked as an educational and community advocate. That year, she was elected corporate secretary of Makivik Corp., which oversees Inuit land claims. She took on a larger public role over the next 10 years as head of the Canadian and then the inter-

national branch of the Circumpolar Council.

Watt-Cloutier's work earned her a Nobel Prize nomination in 2007 and the Order of Canada in 2006. Two years ago, Bowdoin College awarded her an honorary degree.

She has two adult children and a grandson, according to the website for the "Encyclopedia of the Arctic." Her daughter is a well-known traditional Inuit throat-singer, drum-dancer and singer. Her son is a pilot and the youngest captain ever employed by Air Inuit.

Watt-Cloutier's appearances at UMaine are being sponsored by the Canadian Consulate General in Boston, the Canadian-American Center and the University of Maine.

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## The cultural toll of climate change

Nobel nominee talks global warming's impact on those living at top of world



Jay Preston

Canadian Inuit activist Sheila Watt-Cloutier speaks at the Wells Conference Center Tuesday about her views on the current environmental state of the world's arctic regions.

By Chris Chase

Posted on Wednesday, March 30th, 2011, 11:07 pm

Nobel Peace Prize nominee Sheila Watt-Cloutier, a renowned advocate for fighting climate change, presented a lecture on the interconnected nature of major world issues at the University of Maine Thursday night.

The lecture, titled "Everything Is Connected: Environment, Economy, Foreign Policy, Sustainability, Human Rights and Leadership in the 21st Century," was attended by more than 200 people.

Watt-Cloutier is one of the leading voices in the battle to stem climate change. Born in Kuujuaq, Nunavik, in northern Quebec, her perspective as an Inuk presented a view of climate change with a vantage point from the top of the world.

For the first 10 years of her life, she traveled primarily by dogsled and was raised in the Inuit tradition, which she said gave her a grounded view of climate change.

Comprised of just 160,000 people and with a way of life that heavily depends on the environment, the Inuit view climate change differently than most, she said.

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